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AMENDMENT

(amendment based on the provision of law Article 11)

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1 . Indication of an international application

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4. Part to be amended

Claims

5. Contents of amendment

(1) On page 23, in claim 1, before "is a cluster consisting of one or more adjacent rectangular regions, each of the rectangular regions being obtained by equally dividing each of said block regions by $2n$ (where n is a natural number)" insert "is smaller than said block region".

(2) On page 23 to 24, in claim 2, before "is a cluster consisting of one or more adjacent rectangular regions, each of the rectangular regions being obtained by equally dividing each of said block regions by $2n$ (where n is a natural number)" insert "is smaller than said block region".

(3) On page 24 to 25, in claim 9, before "is a cluster consisting of one or more adjacent rectangular regions, each of the rectangular regions being obtained by equally dividing each of said block regions by $2n$ (where n is a natural number)" insert "is smaller than said block region".

(4) On page 25, in claim 11, before "is a cluster consisting of one or more adjacent rectangular regions, each of the rectangular regions being obtained by equally dividing each of said block regions by $2n$ (where n is a natural number)" insert "is smaller than said block region".

(5) On page 25 to 25/1, in claim 12, before "is a cluster consisting of one or more adjacent rectangular regions, each of the rectangular regions being obtained by equally dividing each of said block regions by $2n$ (where n is a natural number)" insert "is smaller than said block region".

6. List of attached documents

(1) Claims, pages 23 to 25 and 25/1